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BOHDAN LEWANDOWSKI; FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - POLAND

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WISE INDICATED. (U)

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1977, A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1977, WITH
ENCLOSURE WAS RECEIVED BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE (NYO) OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FROM KONSTANTY Z. HANFF, ON
"FREE POLAND" STATIONERY IN WHICH HANFF ALLEGED THAT BOHDAN
LEWANDOWSKI AND HIS AMERICAN WIFE ARE POLISH ESPIONAGE AGENTS,
WHO, ONCE EXPOSED, WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE
UNITED STATES (US) LEST THEY BE EXPELLED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
(UN) SECRETARIAT. HANFF FURTHER STATED IN HIS LETTER THAT THE
LEWANDOWSKI'S SITUATION WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS WITHIN
THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

BOHDAN LEWANDOWSKI IS UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL, OFFICE OF
CONFERENCE SERVICES, UN SECRETARIAT, NEW YORK (NY), NY. HE WAS
FORMERLY THE POLISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN AND HAS BEEN IN THE US
FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS. (U)

ON NOVEMBER 15, 1977, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CONTACT WITH
WHOM HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY, BUT WHO IS
IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION, ADVISED HE HAD
BEEN IN CONTACT THE PREVIOUS WEEK WITH JANUSZ KOCHANSKI, AKA
JOHN RAWICZ, WHO WAS IN NYC FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS AND WHO
WAS IN CONTACT WITH HANFF. KOCHANSKI LIVES IN GARLAND, TEXAS,
AND HAD WORKED FOR A MEDICAL CENTER. (C)

IN CONVERSATIONS WITH KOCHANSKI AND HANFF, SOURCE LEARNED
THAT HANFF PLANS TO PUBLISH AN ISSUE OF "WOLNA POLSKA" (FREE
POLAND) ON NOVEMBER 21, 1977, IN WHICH HE WILL ATTACK BOHDAN
LEWANDOWSKI AS AN SB AGENT (POLISH INTELLIGENCE) PRESENTLY UNDER
SB CONTROL AT THE UN. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION IS APPARENTLY
BASED ON INFORMATION FROM KOCHANSKI, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE WORKED
AS A CIPHER CLERK WITH LEWANDOWSKI FOR THE SB IN 1946, IN POLAND.
SOURCE ADVISED THAT HANFF IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS) AS A RESULT OF REPORTS OF HIS COLLABORATION WITH THE NAZIS DURING THE SECOND WAR AND HANFF APPARENTLY BLAMES THE POLISH GOVERNMENT FOR HIS DIFFICULTIES WITH INS. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THIS ATTACK ON LEWANDOWSKI BY HANFF WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE POLES THAT HE IS NOT BEATEN.

SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAS AVOIDED CONTACT WITH HANFF WHO IS DANGEROUS AND RECKLESS. KOCHANSKI ALSO DISTRUSTS SUBJECT, WHO USES KOCHANSKI AS A SOURCE AND WANTS TO USE KOCHANSKI'S INFORMATION ONLY IN "WOLNA POLSKA".

SOURCE THEN ADVISED THAT KOCHANSKI HAD MENTIONED ATTENDING A MEETING IN PRAGUE IN THE 50'S IN WHICH FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG ALSO PARTICIPATED. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THIS WAS MENTIONED IN "DEADLINE", AN ANTI-COMMUNIST PUBLICATION. SOURCE ALSO MENTIONED THAT KOCHANSKI ATTENDED MEETING IN POLAND IN THE 60'S, AT WHICH TIME DOCTOR EUGENE KUSILIEWICZ, NOW DIRECTOR

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OF THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION, NYC, ACCEPTED MONEY FROM THE POLES WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WOULD REPLACE MR. MIEZWA, WHO WAS THEN DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT REPORTER BILL SHERMAN, WHO COVERS THE UN FOR "THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS", IS APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN KOCHANSKI AND HAS CONTACTED HIM TELEPHONICALLY IN TEXAS. SHERMAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT ESTABLISHING KOCHANSKI'S BONA FIDES AS A DEFECTOR.

ON NOVEMBER 15, 1977, THE NYO OF THE FBI RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER IN POLISH, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1977, FROM HANFF TO BOHDAN LEWANDOWSKI, WHICH SAYS IN PART "IT SEEMS THAT THE BEST WAY TO AVOID A SCANDAL IS FOR YOU TO RESIGN FROM YOUR POSITION AND DELIVER YOURSELF TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WITH A REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM WHICH CERTAINLY YOU WOULD OBTAIN."

A SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE AND UNRELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON NOVEMBER 17, 1977, THAT HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL ON NOVEMBER 16, 1977, FROM A MAN KNOWN TO HIM AS FRANK CAPELL, EDITOR OF A NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPER CALLED "THE HEART OF FREEDOM". MR. CAPELL TOLD THE SECOND SOURCE THAT HE RECEIVED AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY (FNU) BRADLEY, REPORTER FOR TRANSWORLD NEWS INCORPORATED, WASHINGTON, D.C. BRADLEY INTERVIEWED KOCHANSKI AND HANFF, WHO STATED THAT DURING A VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA, FORMER NEW YORK CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG AND CONGRESSMAN DONALD M. FRAZIER OF MINNESOTA WERE RECRUITED IN PLACE BY YUGGO-INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

ON NOVEMBER 22, 1977, THE DAILY NEWSPAPER "THE NEWS WORLD" PUBLISHED IN NYC BY THE REVEREND MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH,

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CONTAINED AN ARTICLE ON LEWANDOWSKI IN THAT DAY'S EDITION ON PAGE 3A, CAPTIONED "TOP UN OFFICIAL EXPOSED AS POLISH AGENT". (C)

THIS ARTICLE SAYS IN PART THAT UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR CONFERENCE SERVICES BOHDAN LEWANDOWSKI IS AN ACTIVE AGENT FOR POLISH INTELLIGENCE, ACCORDING TO A POLISH DEFECTOR WHO WORKED FOR THE SB, THE POLISH COUNTERPART OF THE SOVIET KGB. (U)

THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT JANUSZ KOCHANSKI, A FORMER POLISH INTELLIGENCE AGENT WHO DEFECTED TO THE WEST IN 1967, SAID IN A STATEMENT RELEASED TO "THE NEWS WORLD" THAT LEWANDOWSKI HAS BEEN AN PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SINCE 1946, AND WAS SPECIFICALLY GROOMED BY THE SB FOR THE TOP POSITION HE NOW HOLDS IN THE UN. (U)

THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT KOCHANSKI SAID THAT LEWANDOWSKI FIRST WORKED FOR THE SB AS A CODE CLERK IN 1946, AND THAT IN WARSAW BETWEEN 1958 AND 1962, LEWANDOWSKI GAVE LECTURES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH TO TOP LEADERS OF THE SB ON CURRENT AFFAIRS AND POWER STRUGGLES WITHIN THE POLISH POLITBURO. (U)

ON NOVEMBER 22, 1977, A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO IS IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE RELIABLE INFORMATION, HAD A LUNCHEON APPOINTMENT WITH TADEUSZ KONDRATOWICZ, COUNSELOR ATTACHE, POLISH CONSULATE, NYC. THIS APPOINTMENT WAS CANCELLED APOLOGETICALLY BY KONDRATOWICZ AT THE LAST MOMENT, WITH A VAGUE REFERENCE TO HAVING TO DO SOME WORK FOR THE AMBASSADOR. KONDRATOWICZ APPEARED SLIGHTLY UPSET AND THE THIRD SOURCE THOUGHT THIS CANCELLATION MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE ABOVE ARTICLE.

THE FIRST SOURCE MENTIONED IN THIS COMMUNICATION ADVISED THAT REPORTER BILL SHERMAN OF "THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS" INTENDS TO PUBLISH THE STORY AFTER HE RECONTACTS KOCHANSKI TO VERIFY SOME DETAILS.

SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON LEWANDOWSKI NOR HAVE ANY FURTHER ARTICLES CONCERNING HIS SITUATION BEEN PUBLISHED. (C)

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